Legion Is Expected To Continue Battle With Gen. Bradley

By George Beveridge Star Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5 .- As the American Legion's 28th annual convention drew to a close this week,

protecting and administering their persons. rehabilitation and benefits-is first to place welfare of the nation as a whole before the welfare of "any

portance of the veterans' numerical into next year and perhaps into may achieve its aim of balancing strength as citizens, he emphasized 1948 but commented that "the sitstrength as citizens, he emphasized 1948 but commented that "the sitthat within a short time there will uation is likely to be vulnerable next be nearly twenty million ex-service-men, "nearly half of the entire male" year." adult population."

Legion Counters View. this concept with the insistence that which should be watched" because the Nation's strongest responsibility of some similarities to "prebust" now is to the "citizen-veterans" as days of 1920.

veterans. At the same time, the legion emphasized that it considers the onthe-job training program, as a part tion brought up its smoothest legal a recession or serve to slow it down, trouble-shooter, former Commander I do not know." Harry Colmery, to present this

Conceding that recommendations for the ceiling was a "responsibility reported of administration," Mr. Colmery charged that it was "an unfair aclation conceived and given birth by early 1948. the American Legion" without Le-

Wouldn't Be "Dictated To." Obviously irritated by the Legion's position, Gen. Bradley later pointed out that under law he was empowered to establish on-the-job gates calling for an automatic

his part, Gen. Bradley disclosed bers of the Legion was virtually no that a "thorough" study of the jus- issue at the convention. The tice of the ceilings is under way, re-younger members apparently are sults of the study will form the satisfied that before too many years sults of the study will form the satisfied that before too many years at the John Wesley A. M. E. Church at the conclusion of the group's State Department, and Brig. Gen.

The organization's new chief, Paul tional activities for the coming year.

at an end.

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Economists Talk of Depression, Mild and Brief, in Year or Two.

last night which they said could sumer prices may turn down." Some point to a depression for late companies already are cutting down their expansion plans, the AFL publication said. and brief one.

a number of issues arising from the dispute with Veterans Administrator Bradley took form that will bear close watch during the coming year.

First of all, Gen. Bradley charged the veterans with their responsibility as citizens, and made it clear that his responsibility along with the National Planning Association, if price rises go much nighter, business may find they have "priced themselves out of the market and into a depression."

Mr. Hagen cited an official estimate that business is piling up inventory—stocks of materials and salable goods—at a rate of \$6,500,—

Louis Paradiso, Commerce Department economist, saw consumer with demand. demand strong enough to carry the By no means writing off the im- high level of business activity well

Days of 1920 Recalled. Another Government economist The legion, however, countered reported "certain danger signals

But he noted that business might grow even more vigorous if prices were held under control. He added of the GI bill, its own "baby," and that businessmen were "more aware that it resents not having a big of instability than in 1920; they are voice in any changes in it. At a all becoming economists now. session late this week, the organiza- Whether their caution will hasten

> Growing watchfulness was evident in other quarters.

1. The Agriculture Department meat demand might slacken 12 or 15 months hence because consumer income is expected tion" to change "a piece of legis- to turn downward in late 1947 or

2. The AFL "Labor's Monthly Survey" currently reports that the

empowered to establish on-the-job ceilings without any other approval, and issued the flat statement that "I refuse to be dictated to."

Basing its principal objections to the training limitations on charges that the amendment was "sneaked through" a dying Congress, the Legion has thrown its powerful lobby into an all-out fight for repeal. On his part. Gen. Bradley disclosed

force of numbers as they gain ex-While establishment of the train-perience. The World War II veting restrictions was the apparent erans were given a majority of the immediate cause of the attack on organization's vice-commander posts. Gen. Bradley by John Stelle, retir- Seven of their number also were ing commander, the general kept his appointed to an all-World War II attack primarily on a personal basis permanent Housing Committeein answering Mr. Stelle's charges, their principal representation in na-

20 Per Cent Representation. per cent representation among dele-On another angle of veterans' criticism from old-line Legionnaires D. C. Yale Club to Elect

As it turned out, San Franciscans were amazed at the numerically dis-appointing Legion invasion and by the delegates' "restraint."

Postwar Celebration Mild. Expecting an all-out display of ties and street carnivals, they saw the organization's much publicized "postwar celebration" in evidence only by circles of crap shooters outside hotels, a few isolated practical not, are invited.

Pages B-1-4 jokers on street corners with water Page B-5 pistols and the abnormally crowded Page B-5 hotel lobbies. While the city estimates the le-Page B-6 gion left some two million dollars Page B-7 here, officials report that about 25,-Pages B-8-9 000 housing places were unused, Page B-9 and one spokesman said the Legion-Page B-10 naires were "sedate to the point that Page B-10 the bars just didn't make any

money.' City newspapers also have been carrying on front-page feud with Convention Director Joe Lumpkin, following a statement blaming everything from crowded hotel facilities to California weather for the disappointing crowd. At the convention's opening, the Legion estimated that "most" of an expected 150,000 visitors had arrived. The real feud began, however, when Mr. Lumpkin said that "this is the last time a national convention will ever

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By the Associated Press rise in living costs "is now clearly Economists here noted signs over" and "by early next year con-

3. Reconversion Director John R. Everett Hagen, chief economist of Steelman's latest report warns that the National Planning Association, if price rises go much higher, busi-

that his responsibility-along with employment by 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 000,000 a year. The rate indicates that the accumulation will end in the first half of 1947, he said—in other words, it will have caught up

Simultaneously, these conditions may come about: The Government less than it takes in soulding activity and exports may level off; taxes probably will stay high much of

Nothing to Be Overlooked. "If these things occur, consumers will have to spent a lot more than they are spending now to prevent a

cession," Mr. Hagen said. "It is not sure to come, but the Government would be foolish not to take into account the possibility." Mr. Paradiso concurred that the end of inventory accumulation would be the signal point, and foresaw it in the fore part of 1947. But consumer demand may go on con-siderably longer, he said, and sus-tain high production and heavy payrolls perhaps into 1948.

A recession, the Commerce Department economist said, will "not be anything like the postwar depression of 1920-21, or even as bad as 1938."

The slump will be cushioned, he explained, by the likelihood of continued heavy demand for automobiles and other consumer hard goods well into the future, by Federal payments to veterans and others, and by many additional fac-

Unemployment, Mr. Paradiso said is not likely to reach 1938's level of

Gov. William H. Hastie of the

in the Continental United States ernor for the past year. since his inauguration as Governor of the Virgin Islands.

L streets N.W.

Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes, Army chief of ordnance, will be the guest speaker. He was daief of staff under Gen. Eisenhower in the European war theater. Admiral W. N. Thompranks and rowdyism, parades, par- as, Navy chief of chaplains, also will

be a guest. A. Wilbur Mace, president of the club, said all Yale men in Washington, whether club members or

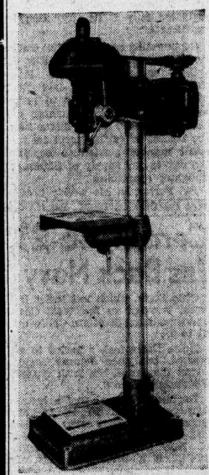
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Delaware Educator Heads Area Kiwanis

superintendent of secondary educational Alliance of Postal Employes tion at Wilmington, Del., was unat their 33d annual Alliance Day animously voted Capital District International treasurer; Robert M. celebration at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow Governor of Kiwanis International McClintock, special assistant in the Officials of the organization said twenty-eighth annual convention B. M. Fitch, acting assistant adjuthat Gov. Hastie's address will yesterday. He succeeds Claude B. mark his first public appearance Hellmann, Baltimore, who was gov-

Frank B. Walters, Roanoke, Va.,

H. Grimth, of Washington, D. C., and University In the World War II members were he hopes the "personal clashes" are able to muster only an estimated 20 here. He was named to the Virgin last apring.

Howard University Law School here. He was named to the Virgin last apring.

Everett Carter, Danville, Va.; Robbia Lodge No. 1308 of the Order Islands governorship last spring. ert W. Cutshall. Roanoke; Walter Sons of Italy in America. The pro-On another angle of veterans' criticism from old-line Legionnaires benefits, the Legion refrained from inclination indicated the bonus move is by no means dead.

While spokesmen pointed out that even if they were elected with the Legion campaigned for the that the Legion campaigned for the the thought of their membership major in light of their membership major in light of their membership major.

The younger Legionnaires point out that even if they were elected delegates, few of their ranks would be financially able to make a trip the thotal Sheraton, Fifteenth and the Hotel Sheraton, Fifteenth and the thotal sufficient hotel ac-Covington, Va.; John Thomas, An- Union Station plaza, Columbus Day

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Ugo Carusi, United States Comwas re-elected secretary-treasurer. missioner General of Immigration Gov. Hastle is a former Virgin Lieutenant governors chosen to and Naturalization, will be the Islands Federal Court judge. He represent the various district diviprincipal speaker at a post-Columbiate that post to become dean of sions are: is Saturday.

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By Herman Schaden

The men who hung an iron cur-tain around the atomic bomb while the Manhattan Engineering Dis- gence division. trict perfected it met in reunion at the Statler Hotel last night.

For lawyers, as most of them were before joining the intelligence and security division of the project, they were almost as uncommunicative about the bomb as they were during the days when their "baby" was one of the closest guarded seence. crets in history.

But Claude C. Pierce, jr., 4112 ourth street North, Arlington, said ne expressed the convictions of most of the group when he pointed to the Baruch plan as the way to gence on the bomb. harness the bomb as a weapon of Like the others, M

Served as Major.

Now an attorney in the Internal Revenue Bureau, Mr. Pierce served as a major and one of the top ssistants to former Col. John Lansdale, jr., of Cleveland, chief of inelligence during the bomb's develment. John A. Derry, 1006 Elm avenue, "There is something to be said Takoma Park, Md., saw the Bikini

about Henry Wallace's talk about experiments. He described them as necessity for co-operation with Rus- "stupendous, magnificent," but like sia," he said, "but there is a point others in the reunion, he felt there beyond which we cannot go for would come a means of controlling our own protection.

He thought much depended on how far the Army and science have weensel, now chief of the scientific progressed toward putting atomic branch of the War Department General Staff and one of the atom bomb he emphasized the need for taking technical staff.
this phase of development away The intelligen from the War Department as soon as the Baruch plan is instituted.

Started With Suggestions. Most of them back in civilian lothes and practicing law or pursuing other professions a little more than a year after Hiroshima's debomb secret came together again on by civil service. a sort of impulse. It grew from Dr. Wensel was alarmed. Urana few suggestions for such a re-ium 235 was the then secret maunion, and was activated by 30 penny terial from which the bomb was to post cards mailed to "Manhattan be developed. Quickly he telephoned Engineer" intelligence men living the Civil Service examiner to learn

about the "examination" which east of the Mississippi River. The cards were mailed by Joseph ostensibly had been thrown open to Volpe, jr., of Newark, N. J., another every one. attorney high on the list of men Only when he was informed that who safeguarded the bomb. He pro- U-235 meant "unassembled civil posed the reunion become an annual event, with officers to keep, the association alive.

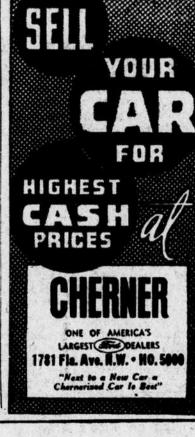
Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, top man last Thursday at the Mayflower as were former Col: Lansdale, and Hotel. Among the principal speak- another of his ranking assistants, ers were Commissioner John Rus- former Col. William A. Consodine,

Most of the "alumni" looked about



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was 30 years old when he became applicant was applying for a junior top-kick in the Manhattan intelliphysicist's job in the Office of Sciengence division. "Before that I was chief of the did Dr. Wensel breathe easily again, investigative branch of the military intelligence division of the War Department general staff," he laughed. "That's a high-sounding title, but it wasn't so much. I was a first lieutenant, and an attorney.

with no previous intelligence experi-Applications for participation in He was working on a special asthe school lunch program during signment for Dr. J. B. Conant, one the present school term have been of the chief figures in the bomb sent to all District public schools, development, when he was asked in August, 1942, to head up the intelli- Lawson J. Cantrell, associate superintendent of schools, said last night. Like the others, Mr. Lansdale does

His statement followed the annot talk about the mechanics of nouncement by Secretary of Agriwe kept the secret—from the Ger- culture Anderson yesterday that mans and from the Russians, too," agreements covering the operation of the National School Lunch Program had been signed in each of the 48 States, the District and the Some of the security men never saw a bomb explode. Others, like

territories. Commenting on the program, Mr. Anderson said: "Through the National School Lunch Act, Congress outlined a broad policy of assisting "stupendous, magnificent," but like the States in seeing that our children get adequate and nutritious lunches which will build their health and lead to better food habits. It also recognized the basic principle of improving farm income by providing wider outlets for farm production, at the same time improving the national health."

The intelligence men had their Mr. Anderson added that it was "scares," but none more acute than now up to the States and local Dr. Wensel suffered early in 1942 communities to provide the underwhen he was helping to enroll a standing and support which will develop the program's full potentialities. Under the program, lunches are In his mail came a letter from a given either free to children or at man who said he wanted a job and a reduced cost with the States meetstruction, the men who kept the had just passed a U-235 test given ing part of the cost and the National Government the rest.

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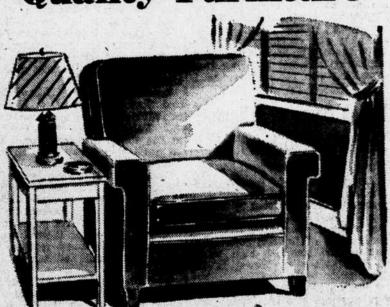
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